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Lon Thomas Star Stone Quarries, Inc. 4040 South 300 West Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

Re: Approval of Two Amendments, Star Stone Quarries, Inc. Peoa Blonde, M/043/012, Summit County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On September 9, 2002 and January 17, 2003, we received documents which were entered into our records as amendments to your Peoa Blonde Mine. The September, 2002 letter was addressed to the BLM requesting them to allow you to enter into a material sales contract, which would entail a 5-acre area within a 12 acre parcel located in Section 20, T1S, R5E. You were informed that the BLM had to perform an Environmental Assessment (EA) of this area before they could issue approval. You proceeded to expand into this area without first receiving approval from the BLM or this Division to do so. On November 18, 2002, we met with you and informed you that this could potentially be considered a noncompliance issue. You were advised to submit a map and amend your mining and reclamation plan. On January 17, 2003, we received the required documentation for this amendment.

We were awaiting the EA results from the BLM before we could issue our approval of the amendments. On <u>January 12, 2004</u>, we received a copy of the BLM's EA & NEPA documentation and were advised that the BLM had made a finding of no significant impacts and that they had previously issued approval. **The Division now issues final approval of these two amendments**.



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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me or Lynn Kunzler at (801) 538-5286 and 538-5310 respectively.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

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